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**TWO NEW PRINCIPALS**

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Prof. Johnson and Montgomery  
Succeed Messrs. Sites and Cardozo.

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**LECTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

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A Full List of the Teachers Ap-

OTHER ACTION TAKEN

A regular meeting of the board of trustees of public schools was held at the Franklin building last evening. There were present Messrs. Whelpley, Barnard, Hares, Hazen, Wilson, Bruce, Cornish and Hadd and Mrs. Stowell and Mrs. Terrell. These trustees constitute the entire membership of the board, with the single ex-

There were also present in the capacity of interested spectators, Mr. R. S. Lacey, J. H. Twombly and other friends of Mr. C. M. Lacey Sites, ex-principal of the Eastern High School, and the Rev. Dr. Carson of Capitol Hill, who said he appeared there merely as a citizen of Capitol Hill to hear what was said about the Sites case. Others present were Superintendent Powell and Cook, Mr. Swartzell of the Eastern High School, and Mr. Joseph Claick, secretary of the board.

most of the persons interested in the proceedings of the board were present at that hour, but it was not until 8 o'clock that the president called the meeting to order and started the business of the evening. The interval was consumed by a meeting of the committee on normal and high schools in the final consideration of certain changes in the principalship, the Eastern High School and the Colorado high school. Almost the entire share of attention was devoted to the latter school and the result was shown in the subsequent proceedings of the school board. The meeting of the board followed the usual order of business and was characterized by the consideration of routine business.

**Resignations Accepted.**  
Resignations were received and accepted as follows:

E. A. Hilton, librarian at Eastern High school; A. E. Stryder, teacher of typewriting in Business High School; Gertrude A. MacNutt, teacher of mathematics in Western High School; Bertha Buchler, teacher, and Gertrude Mussen, teacher, in the Grant School.

Miss Florence E. Shipman, teacher in the Eastern High School, who was married yesterday, tendered her resignation orally to Mr. Lane, and it was accepted by the board.

**The High School Cadets' Trip.**

A communication was read from Burnside Post, No. 8, Department of the Potomac, U. S. A. R., inclosing a copy of resolutions adopted by that post inferentially criticizing the school authorities for the action of the High School Cadets in going to Richmond to participate in the Jeff Davis monument ceremonies.

Mr. Harries made a motion that the secretary reply to this communication that the matter in question had never come before the board of trustees of the high and normal schools, and that the school board itself had no jurisdiction in the matter.

**Mr. Stiles' Letter.**

A number of communications were then read by the secretary in second place.

"One member of the committee, the trustee, said that he had read the complaint, and, therefore, presumably, the proper course of a popular complaint, stated to me on the 12th instant that the committee had not in its session a single line of documentary evidence against me; that there was no evidence against me, and that he recalled only one case of a complaint that he made complaint. Another member of the committee, who said to me after the committee

acted, that, if it were possible, the whole faculty of the Eastern High School should be changed, has never in my knowledge been said by me. I am a teacher at work, and had never before spoken to me about school management, so far as I know, not a single member of the committee has ever inspected the school during working hours. Members of the committee, on the contrary, have said to me some who called upon them that the position they had taken must now be maintained for the dignity of the committee—their stand having been taken publicly, they could not recede. I am not a man who is easily specified against which to defend myself, I make this statement as a protest rather than a defense. In the first notification that came to me

In the action of the committee, it was suggested that it would greatly simplify matters to receive my resignation. However, I cannot question it—my own self-respect demands that I should protest unreservedly against summary removal from a position which I have so long occupied, and, as I hope, with good results to others.

A petition signed by a number of citizens—patrons of the Eastern High School—declaring their entire satisfaction with Mr. Sites' management of the school, and asking for his retention.

**Flags for Endeavorers.**

It was stated, at this point, that there were several other communications bearing upon the case of Mr. Sites, but inas-

such as they had already received the full consideration of the committee on normal and high schools, to which they would be regularly referred in the natural order of business, it was decided to dispense with their reading at that time. The consideration of the Sites case was temporarily laid aside in order to consider a communication from Mr. Ross, president of the board of commissioners, recommending that the board should be authorized to take to the annual Christian Endeavor societies for use in the decoration of the churches during the coming convention. President Whipple explained that these flags were the private property of the schools, having been purchased by subscription from the general population. Nevertheless, the superintendent

The real business of the meeting was then taken up, being the appointment of teachers for the next school year, and the Sites was again brought before the meeting. Mr. Wilson, president of the normal and high schools committee, said he had been directed by the committee to present the following report to the board for its consideration:

**Mr. Sites' Successor.**

"The committee on normal and high schools recommends the appointment of Mr. H. M. Johnson in place of Mr. C. M.

chool Sites as principal of the Eastern High school. This recommendation is made without any reflection upon the moral character or scholarship of Mr. Siltes, but for the reason that in the judgment of the committee, reached after careful consideration, the general welfare of that school and of the High School system of the District will be promoted by such change."

Action upon the report was deferred until the next meeting of the entire list of nominations of teachers, and when the question arose as to action upon the report was unanimously adopted by a viva voce vote. No member of the board showed even sufficient opposition to the change to ask for a separate vote, and the nomination of Mr. Siltes was carried.

Johnson, whose appointment was enthusiastically approved along with the entire list of teachers in the normal and high schools. Prof. Johnson's appointment is strictly in line with civil service reform, he having been teacher of physics in the school to the principalship of which he is promoted.

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